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Wednesday, August 3rd 2011

Important 'Back to School' Information:

- **Smithfield's new instructional hours for 2011-2012 are 7:45am-2:45pm.** Students may arrive no earlier than 7:15 am.
- Click [here](#) for the CMS Calendar. Click [here](#) for the Back-To-School Supply Lists for each grade level.
- **How will you be involved in your child's school this year?** Join the Smithfield chapter of the **Parent Teacher Association** and have a hand in a child's education! Look for membership info in your Back to School packet! Join before Sept 15 to have a vote on PTA budget plans at the 1st general PTA membership meeting. Learn about the impact the PTA has on education around the world at www.PTA.org.
- Parents with rising Kindergartners - Click [here](#) for helpful information from the Office of Early Learning on transitioning your child to kindergarten!
- Plans are in motion for the annual 5th grade field trip to Camp Thunderbird March 14-16! Support the effort by purchasing a Citipass Coupon book from Smithfield! Sales start on Aug 31! We also need volunteers to help make the trip a memorable experience for the students and teachers! Stop by the information table in the gym during the Back to School Open House, and come join the fun!! Questions? Contact Rebecca Cox at mattcox1@mindspring.com.
- Link to register / deposit money to your child's cafeteria account for the school year Pay Pams: <https://paypams.com/HomePage.aspx>

Summer Harvest!

Fresh strawberries, lettuces and carrots were harvested in the Character Garden this summer! Can't wait to plant the fall crops!



Garden Art!

Art students from Providence High added some whimsical color to the "satellite tree" growing in the character garden! Thank you!



Donate Used & New School Supplies for Homeless CMS Students

Hannah Barnett (a South Meck High School senior) is collecting USED and new school supplies to benefit homeless CMS students. Donated supplies will be stuffed in book bags and given to homeless CMS students with the help of [Family Promise of Charlotte](#), the nation's leading volunteer-driven nonprofit serving homeless families. Donations may be dropped off at Cameron Wood Neighborhood Club House Pool, or contact Hannah at HBarnett@carolina.rr.com or 704.998.8423.

BASIC SUPPLIES NEEDED (Used or New):

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| ⇒ Book bags | ⇒ Loose Leaf Paper |
| ⇒ Spiral Notebooks | ⇒ Pencils |
| ⇒ 3" Binders or smaller | ⇒ Pocket Folders |

Parent Involvement:

We hope you be volunteering at Smithfield this year! **Below are a few of the current volunteer needs.**

Don't see what you're looking for? Questions about how to get involved?

Contact our Volunteers Coordinator, Missy Turk, who will point you in the right direction, missyturk@gmail.com.

Don't forget to register and report your hours of service for Smithfield at www.cmsvolunteers.com.

Volunteer Academic Support Team:

Become a member of the Volunteer Academic Support Team (VAST) and make a critical contribution to the education of our school's children! Volunteers fulfill a weekly one-hour commitment in classrooms offering support for various academic needs. You will be placed in a classroom according to your schedule. Training and support provided. Please contact Courtney Wawak for more information at courtneywawak@gmail.com.

Character in the Classroom Volunteers:

The Character Education team needs volunteers to teach fun and easy character education lessons to multiple classrooms in a grade level each month. Coordinate monthly lesson times directly with your assigned classrooms to suit your schedule! Total monthly commitment no more than 1 1/2 hours. For more information, contact Karla Hollowell at khollowell@carolina.rr.com.

Calling all Dads! Carpool Quarterbacks Coordinator & Friday Volunteers:

Volunteer needed to organize shifts of five volunteers for morning carpool duty each Friday from 7:15 – 7:45 am. Coordinator will work closely with PTA's Volunteer Coordinator and the new "All Pro Dads" group as a source for male volunteers. Contact Missy Turk at missyturk@gmail.com to serve as Coordinator or as a Carpool Quarterback!

One Time Gig:

Help Smithfield staff get ready for the new school year! Volunteers needed Mon Aug 22 any time between 8:30 and noon to help set up classrooms, stuff information packets, organize 5th grade fundraiser materials, prepare bulletin boards, and more! All help appreciated - report to the office upon arrival.

A Look Ahead:

- **Week of Aug 15th:** Teacher assignment letters are sent to homes.
- **Mon Aug 22:** Back to School workday
- **Tue Aug 23 (4:00 to 6:00pm): Parents and Students-** come meet your teacher, see your classroom, and get important school info at Smithfield's Back to School Open House! Stop by the Information Fair in the gym for info on clubs, volunteering, spirit wear, prizes and more!
- **Tue Aug 23 (3:30pm): Kindergarten families** please join us for a Lemonade Social before the Back to School Open House to get acquainted with your classmates! Meet on the playground (weather permitting).
- **Thu Aug 25: First Day of School!** Kindergarteners – check your teacher assignment letter for your assigned first day to attend.
- **Fri Sep 2 (6:00 pm):** Online registration opens for Girls On The Run, an after school program for 3rd – 5th grade girls. Click [here](#) for info.]

Thanks for being involved with your child's education at Smithfield!

Allison Harris (Principal, Smithfield Elementary) allison.harris@cms.k12.nc.us

To update your email address or decline future emails, notify the school by sending an email to smithfieldelem@cms.k12.nc.us.

Helpful Links: [CMS Homepage](#) [Smithfield School Leadership](#) [Smithfield Elementary](#) [Smithfield PTA Website](#)

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta y necesita ayuda en español, por favor, contacte a Jelithza Duque: jelithzaduque@gmail.com